

THERE will be no extra session of Congress, as was intimated a few weeks since.

SENATOR DEWEY of New York announces that McKinley will be nominated and elected for a third term. Why not give the Emperor a life tenure?

SENATOR QUAY announces that he will retire from public life at the expiration of his present term. The wily Pennsylvanian has had all the glory he wants and now seeks rest and recreation.

THE Supreme Court declares that Congress is greater and mightier than the Constitution. Plain every day folk can't just understand how this can be; but the Supreme Court says so and that settles it.

PROFESSOR JOSEPH FLYNN is no longer editor of the *Fredericktown Tribune*, but has returned to St. Louis where he has employment on one of the papers. A new comer, named Costello now has charge of the *Tribune*. From the frequent changes recently made in that sanctum we very much fear that the *Tribune* is just about ready for the journalistic cemetery.

COMMENTING upon an editorial which recently appeared in the *London Express* on the subject of petroleum as fuel, the *New York Sun* says: "The fuel of the future, according to the *London Express*, is petroleum, or, rather, the residuum after the finer oils—as naphtha, gasoline and kerosene—have been distilled from it. This residuum, which constitutes two-thirds of petroleum, has till recently been thrown away, but is now found to be superior to coal. "A ton of liquid fuel," says the *Express*, "will produce as much steam as two tons of coal and fills only a third of its space." Besides being a concentrated fuel, the oily residuum has the merit of packing closer than coal, so that it can be used as ballast, being run into the ship's double bottom. When space is scanty, as, for example, in torpedo boat destroyers, the use of a fluid fuel seems to be almost imperative. It is already, in fact, very largely used in the French, Russian and Dutch fleets. On the Volga steamers use it altogether, and the same is to be said of the forty steamers that ply between Borneo and London, a distance of 10,000 miles. Locomotives on two of the greatest railway systems of England employ liquid fuel. On several important continental railways it is used exclusively, and the same is to be said of the Southern California railway. In south Africa, on the traction line between Umalt and Salisbury, Rhodesia, oil is used because wood and coal are too expensive. This brings us to consider the objections made by the British admiralty to the use of oil to propel the fleet. It is urged that the oil supply is insufficient—Russia and America being the only large producers—and at present costs over twice as much as coal. In case of war England might find herself cut off from oil, whereas she has stores of coal at numerous stations all over the world. The largest cost of oil is a weighty objection. To be added are the cost of adapting furnaces to the use of liquid fuel and the difficulty of reconverting them in case it should become necessary to return to the use of coal. At present England mines 200,000,000 tons of coal annually and would need 100,000,000 tons of petroleum to replace it. To this it may be answered that oil mining is an expanding industry and that an enlarged demand for oil would increase the supply and reduce the price."

The Deadly Speaking Tube.

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Now she sues for divorce and alimony, and another happy home is broken—all on account of the speaking tube.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

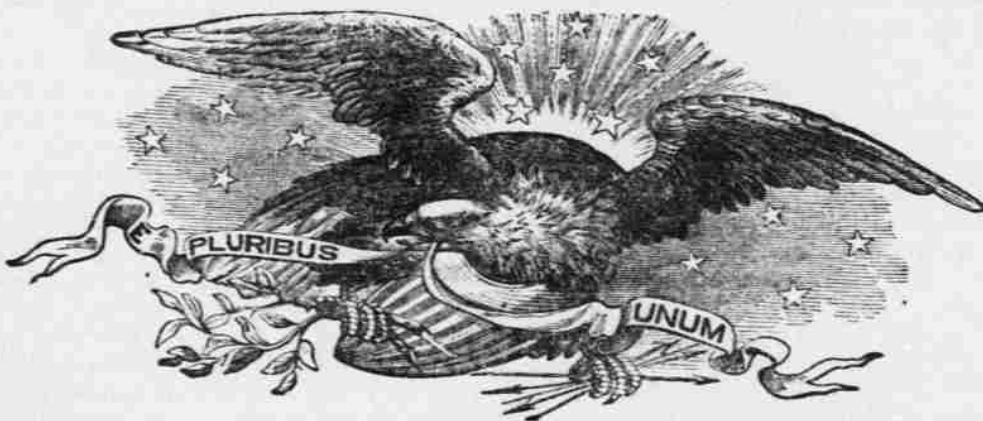
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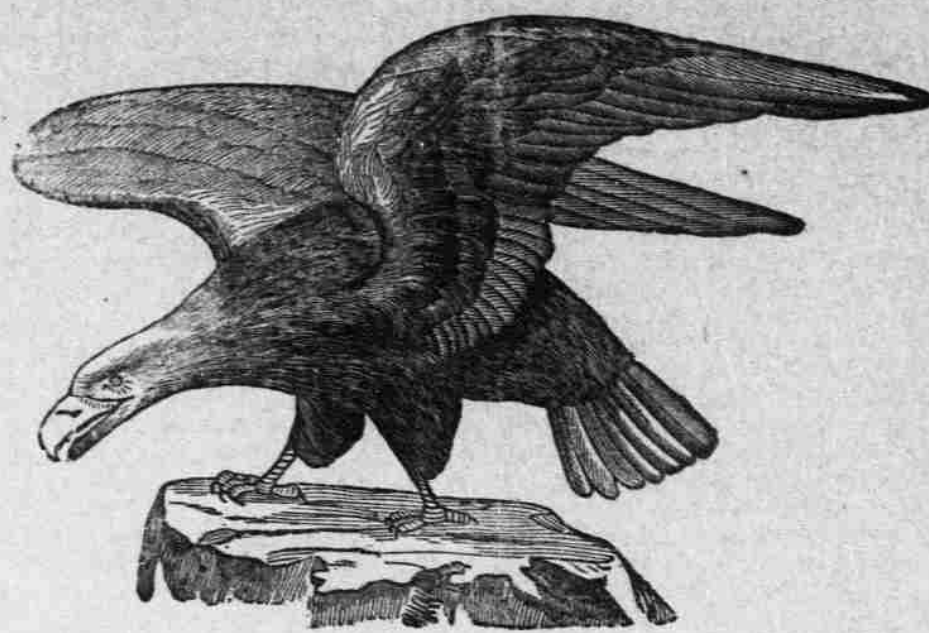
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